DC BLACK LABEL

KING FORNÉS STEWART

DANGER STREET

BOOK FIVE

MANHUNTER

17+ MATURE

DAWN OF DC

GREEN ARROW

© & ™ DC

JOSHUA WILLIAMSON • SEAN IZAAKSE

LOST!

FORGING THE FUTURE ONE HERO AT A TIME

ART BY SEAN IZAAKSE

DANGER STREET

BOOK FIVE

CHAPTER 5: MANHUNTER

TOM KING
Writer

JORGE FORNÉS
Artist & Cover Artist

DAVE STEWART
Colorist

CLAYTON COWLES
Letterer

MITCH GERADS
Variant Cover Artist

TOM KING
April Fools' Variant Cover Artist

DC BLACK LABEL

BRITTANY HOLZHERR
Editor

JILLIAN GRANT
Assistant Editor

CHRIS CONROY
Group Editor

KENNY LOPEZ
Publication Design

TIFFANY HUANG
Publication Production

MARIE JAVINS
Editor-in-Chief, DC Comics

ANNE DePIES
Senior VP – General Manager

JIM LEE
Publisher & Chief Creative Officer

DON FALLETTI
VP – Manufacturing Operations & Workflow Management

LAWRENCE GANEM
VP – Talent Services

ALISON GILL
Senior VP – Manufacturing & Operations

JEFFREY KAUFMAN
VP – Editorial Strategy & Programming

NICK J. NAPOLITANO
VP – Manufacturing Administration & Design

NANCY SPEARS
VP – Revenue

DANGER STREET 5. June, 2023. Published monthly by DC Comics, 4000 Warner Blvd., Bldg. 700, 2nd Floor, Burbank, CA 91522. GST # is R125921072. Copyright © 2023 DC Comics. All Rights Reserved. All characters featured in this issue, the distinctive likenesses thereof, and related elements are trademarks of DC Comics. The stories, characters, and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. DC Comics does not read or accept unsolicited submissions of ideas, stories, or artwork. For Advertising and Custom Publishing contact dccomicsadvertising@dccomics.com. For details on DC Comics Ratings, visit dc.com/ratings.

OUR STORY CONTINUES!

THE SON OF DRAGONS FLOATED OVER THE GRAVE OF A KIND LAD.

YOU WILL REMEMBER, AS TASKED BY HIS GREAT AND NOBLE FATHER, HE REQUIRED THE LAD'S BODY TO SAVE THE KINGDOM.

MOVE OR BE MOVED.

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR HEROIC PRINCES REQUIRED THE SAME OBJECT TO SAVE THEIR SOULS.

I DO NOT BELIEVE WE HAVE MET, KIND SIR.

I AM ***WARLORD,*** THE SWORD OF SHAMBALLAH.

MY COMPANION THIS DAY IS ***STARMAN,*** A SOLDIER OF THE SUNS.

THE SKY HAS FALLEN. I DO NOT HAVE ***PATIENCE*** FOR CONVERSATION.

A ***WARNING*** WAS OFFERED. THE FAULT OF YOUR DEATHS RESTS WITH YOU AND NOT I.

AND YOU'RE ***ORION,*** RIGHT?

OF THE ***FOURTH WORLD?***

I HAVE SPENT TIME WITH MANY OF YOUR ***FRIENDS*** HERE ON EARTH. SUPERMAN, BATMAN. THEY SPEAK ***HIGHLY*** OF YOU.

PERHAPS RATHER THAN FIGHT, WE COULD DISCUSS OUR CURRENT MISUNDERSTANDING.

I DO BELIEVE WE ARE ***ALL*** ON THE SAME SIDE. IN THE END.

GOODBYE.

TZOOM!

KRAK!

NO!

WHAT *MANIA* IS THIS?!

CAN YOU NOT *COMPREHEND* WHAT YOU ARE INTERRUPTING?!

I WILL HAVE WHAT IS *MINE!*

BOOOM!

DO YOU THINK I GIVE A *DAMN* WHAT IS *YOURS*?!

THE BOY IS *DEAD!*

AND I WILL *SAVE* HIM!

CRAKKASHH

NOT A FAR DISTANCE AWAY, OUR PRINCESS DILIGENTLY WENT ABOUT DOING HER DAILY CHORES...

...WHEN SUDDENLY SHE WAS INTERRUPTED!

BADOOM!

WHAT THE...

WHAT IS...

TKTKTKTK

KTKTKTKTK

TKTKRTKRJ

KRTKRKRJ

UDACHI

Σf#Ø!

BUT A FEW STONE THROWS AWAY, CALLED BY THE NOISE OF BATTLE, ONE OF OUR CRAFTY LADS CLIMBED A LADDER TO THE TOP OF A LOCAL CASTLE.

KRUNCH! HURRY THE @$#Ø€ UP! YOU GOT TO SEE IT!

WHAT THE @$#Ø€ IS WRONG WITH YOU?!

31 STEPS...

38 STEPS...

DON'T BE MAD. KRUNCH WOULD MISS THE END OF THE WORLD IF THERE WERE GRAPES IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.

THERE WERE 38 STEPS ON THE LADDER.

YOU GOT TO LOOK OVER HERE! THAT'S ***HIM***, I'M TELLING YOU!

MAN, ***NON-FAT***, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I ***THINK*** YOU KNOW, AND WHAT ***I*** THINK YOU KNOW IS LESS THAN ***YOU'D*** THINK.

DUDE, HE'S ***HERE***, AND NOW ***THIS*** HAPPENS! C'MON.

IT'S NOT ***EINSTEIN*** OR SOME @∂¢%! LOOK AT THE ¶#$%.

I COUNTED. BUT MAYBE I MISSED SOME.

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT GRAPES?

WELL, WHAT THE @#£Δ% DO WE DO NOW?

MAN, WHAT *ELSE?*

GOOD LOOKS IS STILL DEAD. WE GOT TO *RECTIFY* THAT.

SO WE GO DOWN *THERE,* AND WE *KILL* A #€Ω≈%.

AS OUR LADS ONCE AGAIN SET OFF ON THEIR BLOODY MISSION OF VENGEANCE, A HORRIBLE MONSTER COMFORTS A MAIDEN FAIR.

WHICH SEEMS KIND, BUT WHEN DEALING WITH A MONSTER, KINDNESS RARELY COMES WITHOUT A HIGH COST.

HONEY, LISTEN TO ME, YOU'RE BEING TOO *HARD* ON YOURSELF.

THIS IS JUST HOW IT *WORKS,* BABY. ON TAKE ONE, EVERYONE IS GOOD. YOU WERE GOOD.

ON TAKE TEN, EVERYONE IS JUST...YOU CAN'T EVEN-- *TERRIBLE,* MY GOD. AND YOU, YOU *STANK.* I'M BEING HONEST BECAUSE OF *LOVE.*

BUT WE GET THROUGH THAT, WE *PUSH* THROUGH, AND ON TAKE 25 OR TAKE 41, SUDDENLY OUR LITTLE BEAUTIFUL FLOWER *BLOSSOMS.*

YOU, MY DEAR...

YOU *BLOOM.*

KNOCK KNOCK

KNOCK KNOCK

NOT NOW, JULIE! I'M #¥@€$ PREOCCUPIED!

KNOCK KNOCK

SORRY, THAT WAS--

KNOCK KNOCK

OH, GODDAMMIT, JULIE!

MINUTES LATER, THE MONSTER CAME TO THE LIP OF HIS DANK CAVE AND FOUND OUTSIDE TO HIS GREAT SURPRISE...

JESUS #ƒ@Σ$ŧ@ CHRIST, WHAT THE #ƒ@Σ IS--

...OUR GOOD AND NOBLE KNIGHT STANDING AT THE READY, COLD STEEL IN HIS HAND.

OH.

@%◇ƒ.

OH GOD, PLEASE DON'T...I'VE BEEN SO GOOD... PLEASE...

I DON'T DESERVE IT...

THERE'S GOT TO BE...I CAN DO THINGS FOR YOU, MAN. BIG THINGS. HUGE @$%£, MAN!

NOT JUST MONEY LIKE THE REST OF THEM. I MEAN, I'VE GOT MONEY IF YOU WANT MONEY. I COULD BUY AND SELL WHATEVER YOU WANT!

BUT DUDE, I GOT SOMETHING MORE!

YOU KNOW WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY?! I MEAN, WHAT DO YOU HAVE MONEY FOR? THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE ASKS!

MONEY IS A NUMBER AND MAYBE YOU WANT THAT, MAYBE YOU DON'T, BUT EVERYONE WANTS MONEY FOR WHAT IT CAN GIVE YOU, Y'KNOW!

AND I'VE GOT THAT!

C'MON, BROTHER, I'M THE STARMAKER.

DON'T YOU WANT TO BE FAMOUS?

GODDAMMIT!

KRAKK!

DID IT...

DO YOU WANT ME TO...MAKE SOME *PHONE* CALLS... I COULD...

AAAAH!

HNNN?

OH, WAIT, I SEE THIS. £Ч≈$!

YOU INSIGNIFICANT NOTHING PIECE OF @Σ%#!

DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH #≠@$#%€ *TROUBLE* YOU'RE IN?!

WE'RE GOING TO RIP OFF YOUR #€Ø%€ AND GLUE YOUR TINY @#%Ø$V TO A GREEN TEAM FLAG!

WE'LL MARCH IT DOWN THE STREET IN A #@$% *PARADE* TO YOUR IMPOTENCE, AND PEOPLE WILL #≠@$¶%€ CHEER!

THE KNIGHT RETREATED, KNOWING THAT DAY HE HAD FACED A POWERFUL MAGIC.

...NOT ENOUGH TO SAY ***THANK YOU.*** THE FOLKS HERE, ***YOU***-- YOU GREAT AND GENEROUS HEROES HAVE MADE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE TODAY!

NOT JUST A ***NEW*** SHIP, A GREAT ***AMERICAN*** SHIP THAT WILL SERVE THE NAVY FOR YEARS TO COME! ***DECADES!***

BUT A NEW ***FLEET!*** A FLEET MADE FOR THE ***NEXT*** WAR! NOT THE LAST!

A SPELL IN FACT CAST BY ANOTHER KNIGHT WITH QUITE DIFFERENT LOYALTIES.

THERE ***ARE*** THOSE OUT THERE WHO BELIEVE THAT PEACE LEADS TO PEACE. THAT BECAUSE WE ARE SAFE ***NOW,*** WE WILL BE SAFE ***FOREVER!***

THOSE ARE THE ***FOOLS*** WHO CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY REASON WE CURRENTLY HAVE PEACE IS BECAUSE WE ***EXPECT*** WAR!

PEACE IS NOT ***GIVEN.*** IT IS ***EARNED.*** IT IS IN THE ***METAL*** IN THESE BOATS AND THE ***BLOOD*** OF THE ***PATRIOTS*** THAT WILL SAIL THEM!

WHO SACRIFICED A GREAT DEAL FOR THIS IMPRESSIVE FEAT OF DEFENSE.

I SEE THIS MOMENT, THIS ***LAUNCH,*** AS THE BEGINNING OF AN ERA OF PEACE WITH ***POWER.*** PEACE WITH--

THMP!

WHAT THE @¥%¶?

ACROSS THE KINGDOM, FAR FROM THE KNIGHTS, THE SON OF DRAGONS AND THE GOOD PRINCE CONTINUED TO EXCHANGE POWERFUL BLOWS.

EACH BELIEVED HIMSELF TO BE RIGHTEOUS.

EACH BELIEVED HIMSELF TO BE STRONG.

YOU DARE?!

IT WAS A BATTLE FOR POETS TO RECALL YEARS LATER WHILE CHILDREN SAT AT THEIR KNEES AND IMAGINED A THRILLING CLASH OF TITANS.

YES.

I DARE.

AND WHILE ONE PRINCE FOUGHT, THE OTHER AWOKE.

CRAKKKK

NNN.

AT FIRST HE WAS DISORIENTED.

KRRROOM

BADOOM

KK

BOOMM

BUT SEEING SOMETHING IMPORTANT BELOW HIM, HE BECAME FOCUSED ON WHY HE HAD COME TO THIS PARTICULAR PLOT OF LAND.

AND THE PRINCE HAD AN IDEA.

KRACKKSH

KRAKKA

M

GRABA

BANGCKKK

M

KRBAAAM

KRCRAKK

WHILE THE SON OF DRAGONS WAS OCCUPIED ELSEWHERE...

...HE MIGHT TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE THE PRECIOUS TREASURE.

NEARBY, OUR PRINCESS RACED TO HER STEED.

I CAN SEND CHRIS AND DARRELL OVER, BUT WE NEED THE ENGINE AT BLAKE'S HERE. HIS BOILER WENT OFF. WE GOT TO CLEAN THIS UP FAST.

SHE KNEW WELL THAT PERNICIOUS DANGER AWAITED HER AT ROAD'S END.

NO, I GET IT, FRANK. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS ANYTHING ANYWAY.

PROBABLY JUST THE DINGBATS SETTING OFF SOME FIRECRACKERS. OR, KNOWING THEM, SOMETHING EVEN STUPIDER.

BUT DID THIS CAUSE HER ONE MOMENT'S HESITATION?

I'LL GO OUT THERE, CHECK IT OUT. IF WE NEED FD OR THERE'S AN EMERGENCY OR SOMETHING, I'LL CALL YOU FROM THERE.

BUT Y'KNOW, IF IT'S JUST THE KIDS AND I MURDER THEM, I PROBABLY WON'T CALL YOU SO I CAN HIDE THE EVIDENCE AND ALL THAT.

I THINK NOT.

HAHAHAHA.

SLAM!

VRROOOOOMMMM

AND SO SHE TRAVELED ON, TOWARD HER FEARFUL DESTINY.

ALL RIGHT, SOUNDS GOOD, CHIEF.

LOOK FORWARD TO NOT TESTIFYING AT YOUR TRIAL.

SKREEEEEEEE

AND FAR AWAY FROM THESE SCENES OF VIOLENCE AND HURRY, OUR BELEAGUERED OGRE PREPARED FOR HIS EVENING.

WAIT, WAIT, WHO IS ***THIS?*** THE, *UH,* THIRD THING.

THIS IS ***RAFAEL SAIZ.*** HE'S FROM ITALY.

THEY'VE HAD SOME ***OUTSIDER*** PROBLEMS OR SIGHTINGS. HE'S A FORMER MEMBER OF THEIR INTEL ORGANIZATION.

COOL GUY. REALLY LOOKS THE PART.

IT'S JUST A QUICK IN-AND-OUT HIT, SUPER QUICK, MAYBE ***FIVE*** QUESTIONS ON THE OUTSIDERS' INTERNATIONAL REACH.

THEY'RE IN ***EUROPE*** NOW?

CAN I GET A BRIEF ON THIS OR SOMETHING?

THERE'S ***ALREADY*** ONE PREPPED IN YOUR INBOX. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW THAT.

I CAN GET ***GIL*** TO GIVE IT TO YOU QUICK, IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY.

GIL HAS A WHOLE ***POWERPOINT,*** BUT I THINK IF YOU STICK TO THE QUESTIONS, IT'LL BE FINE. YOU CAN ***CHANNEL*** THE AUDIENCE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW EVERYTHING. ***THEY*** DON'T. SO YOU'RE THEM. I'M SORRY, I KNOW, I'M PREACHING TO THE ***HEAD*** OF THE CHOIR.

ROOFTOP. NOW!

YEAH, *UHM,* THAT'S GREAT... WITH GIL...

UHM.

I'LL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR A ***SECOND.*** I'M GOING TO LIGHT THIS ONE UP ON THE ROOF. SEEMS LIKE A ***NICE*** DAY. DON'T WANT TO MISS IT.

A LITTLE EARLY FOR YOU TO BE OUT, ISN'T IT?

THERE ARE NO *OUTSIDERS.*

IT IS A LIE TOLD FOR POWER.

YOU'RE BETTER THAN THIS, *CREEPER.*

JUST BECAUSE *YOU* DON'T SEE SOMETHING, *BRUCE...*

...THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT ISN'T *THERE.*

YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WITH X-RAY VISION, AS I RECALL.

I TOLERATE YOUR TALK, BUT THERE'S A LIMIT.

THIS *OUTSIDER* NONSENSE ENDS NOW.

WELL, THIS IS *NEW.*

NOW ALL OF *AMERICA* HAS TO CHECK IF THE SUPREME COURT OF BATMAN APPROVES OF WHAT THEY SAY BEFORE THEY SAY IT.

PARDON ME, BUT HOW DO I SUBMIT MY THOUGHTS *DIRECTLY* TO YOU? DO I HAVE TO PROPOSE A SEGMENT TO ONE OF YOUR *ROBINS* FIRST?

YOU'RE A MAN WHO READS A PROMPTER, THEN DRESSES UP IN A RED BOA AND *LAUGHS* AT OTHER PEOPLE'S PAIN.

YOU'RE NOT AMERICA.

THEY NEVER LIKED YOU, DID THEY?

OH SURE, YOU'RE POPULAR WITH THESE *ELITES.*

ALL THE *FANCY* PEOPLE GOING TO THE SHOW IN THE CITY, HOPING NO ONE HURTS THEM ON THEIR WAY BACK TO THEIR *CAR.*

BUT THE *REAL* PEOPLE, THE *WORKING* PEOPLE, THEY KNOW YOU FOR WHO YOU REALLY ARE.

A *RICH* KID WHO THINKS HE'S TOO GOOD FOR THEM.

WHO STANDS ON @#ƒə% ROOFS LITERALLY LOOKING DOWN ON THEM. *JUDGING* THEM.

LET ME ASK YOU, ALL THE *SERVANTS* YOU GOT WORKING IN YOUR *MANSION.*

WHEN THEY GO HOME AT NIGHT...

...DO *THEY* WATCH MY SHOW?

I HAVEN'T DONE *ANYTHING.* AND YOU DON'T GET TO SOMEHOW *CONTROL* WHAT I SAY. NO.

SO JUST GET YOUR ¶%≈Δ$#@ *DIRTY* GLOVES OFF OF ME.

AND GO HOME TO *SULK* IN YOUR KIDDIE CAVE.

BACK IN THE GRAVE, THE PRINCE'S THOUGHTS WANDER AS HE CONTEMPLATES THE ASTOUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED HIM TO THIS UNCUSTOMARY FATE.

NO, TARA, I AM FINE. I LOVE YOU. I LOVE SKARTARIS.

I'LL BE HAPPY HERE FOREVER.

ZOOM!

I MEAN, DON'T GET ME WRONG, THIS IS GREAT.

FIGHTING THE HORDES AND THE MAGIC WITCHES AND ALL OF THAT.

IT'S GREAT.

KRAKK

BEING THE BARE-CHESTED GUY WITH THE SWORD AND THE QUESTS--THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH. IT *IS* ENOUGH.

MARRIED TO A PRINCESS--TO YOU. IT'S ENOUGH. BUT IT...

BLAMM!

"DO I HAVE OTHER DREAMS? SURE. WHAT MAN MY AGE DOESN'T?

ROOM!

"BUT YEAH, OKAY, SOMETIMES...

WAM!

"SOMETIMES I SEE MYSELF AS...I DON'T KNOW.

BOOMM!

"YEAH. IT'S JUST..."

SOMETIMES.

I GUESS I JUST WANT TO BE A *SUPERHERO.*

"BUT THAT'S JUST AN OLD MAN'S DREAM.

"WHAT AM I GOING TO DO-- LEAVE YOU HERE, GO OUT THERE?

KRAKKABOOM!!!

I COME FROM THERE. IT'S NOT WORTH IT. EVERYTHING YOU TRY OUT THERE, IT COMES TO NOTHING.

I LOVE YOU. I LOVE SKARTARIS.

WWWAAAMMMKKK

"I'M FINE.

TZOWTZOWTZOW

BUT.

I MEAN, IF YOU DIDN'T MIND BEING ON YOUR OWN. NOT FOR LONG.

AT MY AGE, I MEAN, YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS COULD BE MY LAST CHANCE.

SMMMAAAASSSHHH!!

"MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE IT A SHOT."

UNLIKE THE PRINCE, OUR LADS DID NOT DWELL ON THE PAST.

THIS IS A *SHORTCUT.* WE'LL GET OUT THERE TWICE AS FAST!

NOW GET THAT BAG IN THE BACK THERE--THE *PAPER* ONE!

WE'LL NEED THAT €#¶%!

VROOOOOMM

THEY LIVED INSTEAD IN EACH MOMENT, EMBRACING THE TIME THEY'D BEEN GIVEN.

WHAT THE #%ƒ$ IS THAT? *I'M* SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE WITH THE JOKES!

AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE LIFE THEY SO DESPERATELY NEEDED TO TAKE.

THAT'S A *GUN,* BANANAS.

YOU USE IT TO *SHOOT* PEOPLE. AND THINGS, I GUESS.

WHERE THE @%Ø$ DID A SKINNY *@%Ø$* LIKE YOU GET A *FAT* TOOL LIKE *THIS?*

SOMEONE PAYING YOU *NOT* TO EAT? THAT WHY YOU LOOK LIKE THAT?

I TOLD YOU, I HAD *MONEY.*

VROOOOOOOOMM

@ƒΔ%, MAN, I HAD *DIAMONDS.*

MEANWHILE, ALONG THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE KINGDOM, A MONSTER SOUGHT A GOOD KNIGHT'S COUNSEL ON RECENT, DISTURBING EVENTS.

GREEN TEAM LINER

AREN'T ***MANHUNTERS,*** LIKE, IN SPACE?

THEY'RE A RELIGIOUS SECT THAT HAS BEEN OPERATING HERE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.

THEY ORIGINATE FROM SOME ***MISUNDERSTANDING*** WITH THE TRUE ALIEN MANHUNTERS WHO VISITED EARTH A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

THEY THINK THEY WERE GIVEN SOME ***MISSION*** BACK THEN. IT'S A CULT DEDICATED TO THAT LIE.

THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SOME TIME FOR THE RISE OF A GREAT ***EVIL***--AN EVIL THAT IT IS PREDICTED WILL...

...THERE ARE A FEW ***INTERPRETATIONS.*** WHAT THEY SAY IS...

...THEY ARE ***HUNTING*** THE MEN WHO WILL "*MAKE THE SKY FALL.*"

HCCCHHHHK

SO LITERALLY A BUNCH OF ***CHICKEN LITTLES.***

DID SOMEBODY TELL THEM THAT SKIES DON'T %#¥$€@$ FALL? LIFE ***ISN'T*** A %#¥$€@$ KIDS' FAIRY TALE YOU READ IN A %#¥$€@$ BOOK.

MAYBE, I DON'T KNOW, GROW THE ≈@V% UP?

WHAT THIS "MANHUNTER" BELIEVES IS ***RELATIVELY*** UNIMPORTANT.

WHAT IS WORTH NOTING IS, HE IS IMMENSELY SKILLED AND HE IS DETERMINED TO KILL YOU AND ABDUL AND CECIL.

TO ***SUCCEED*** AS HE DID WITH HOUSTON.

PTHHT!

AND THE BIG ***TOUGH*** GUY WE PAID SO MUCH MONEY TO GET JUST ∂%¶@$ ***FAINTED*** DEFENDING US?!

WHY IS ***EVERYTHING*** IN LIFE SO HARD? I'M JUST A CHILD, I CAN'T GET A ***Ø$ƒ#%*** BREAK!

IT IS DIFFICULT WHEN THERE IS ***DISTANCE.***

I AM WORKING--

YOU MAKE A LOT, ***RIGHT?***

THE ***GREEN TEAM*** PAYS YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE WHO DOES THESE-- WHO DOES WHAT YOU DO.

BUT I'D GUESS...I MEAN, THERE'S ***ALWAYS*** MORE? DON'T YOU WANT A TASTE OF MORE?

I AM WELL COMPENSATED.

HOWEVER.

THERE IS... ROOM FOR GROWTH.

SO YOU ***DO*** WANT MORE. AND I ***HAVE*** A WHOLE ***TON*** MORE.

AND ***I*** WANT TO LIVE.

YOU SAY IT CAN BE HARD PROTECTING ALL ***THREE*** OF US THAT ARE LEFT...THEN MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER TO JUST PROTECT, I DON'T KNOW, ***ONE*** OF US.

I'M NOT A ***GENIUS.*** I MEAN, I AM, BUT... BUT IT ***SEEMS*** THAT THAT'S A SOLUTION RIGHT IN FRONT OF US. WE'RE JUST NOT ***TAKING*** IT.

AND REALLY, WHY ***DON'T*** WE TAKE IT?

LET THOSE GUYS GO--FOCUS ON, WELL, ***ME.***

C'MON. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

IT'S JUST A FEW DEAD ***KIDS.***

IT'S NOT LIKE THE SKY'S FALLING.

FAR FROM THAT BETRAYAL, OUR GOOD PRINCE RODE HIS STEED AS HARD AS THE ANIMAL COULD TAKE, EVEN AS HE SOUGHT TO COMPOSE A MESSAGE TO HIS COMPANION.

New Message

To: Starman

Hey Star, I got the kid while you did your thing. I'm heading south to "home." When you're done and get this, meet me there.

Send

AAAAAA!

GUH!

BZZZ

BOOM!

THAT SHOULD--

@%ØΠ$!

SKREEE

HONNKKVV

WHAT THE Σ$%#, OLD Δ#ŧ$?!

SKREECH

GET OFF YOUR Øf%¢@ŧ$ PHONE!

VROOOM

JESUS.

$ŧ@Ω@¶#€ KIDS.

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE @$ƒΔ≈¥% GOING!

WRECKING

THE COFFIN SPUN IN THE AIR.

LIKE A LIAR SPINS A STORY.

HOW HE MIGHT TELL YOU OF TIMES GRAND AND VIRTUOUS.

IN ORDER TO HIDE THE DEATH AND DISGUST OF ACTUAL LIFE.

MARKSMEN

NOT FAR FROM THE DESECRATED BODY OF THEIR DEAR AND GOOD FRIEND, OUR YOUNG LADS CAME UPON AN UNEXPECTED SCENE.

HOLY #ƒΩ$.

YES. THIS IS HOLY. AND ALSO LIKELY #ƒΩ$.

THAT GUY'S BLUE.

THE PRINCE AND THE SON OF DRAGONS HAD FOUGHT HARD AND FAIR.

HEY, KIDS... WHERE'S...

I GOT TO...IF YOU SEE ***WARLORD***...YOU TELL HIM...

AND IN THE END, BOTH FELL.

...I... WON...

ALL RIGHT, THEN.

CHKKK

FOR GOOD LOOKS.

IN THE SOUTH OF THE KINGDOM, A MONSTER SLEPT AND DREAMED.

HMMMM.

HE WOKE TO SURPRISE, BUT NOT TO FEAR.

WHAT...

OH, YOU...

FOR A MONSTER LEARNS QUICKLY WHO ARE HIS ENEMIES AND HOW POWERFUL ARE THEIR BLOWS.

ARE WE REALLY =YAWN= DOING THIS *AGAIN...?*

WHAT KIND OF A--

TYPICALLY, THIS INSTINCT IS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE MONSTER.

GHKKK

BUT NOT ALL IS ALWAYS TYPICAL.

NNNNNNN...

AND SO, AT THE END OF A LONG AND FRIGHTFUL DAY, OUR OGRE STOOD ON HIS HIND LEGS AND YELLED INTO THE WIND.

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU TONIGHT ABOUT ***HEROES.***

THE REAL THREAT.

"WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE SAINTLY MEN FLY ABOVE US AND SAVE US.

"BUT THIS RAISES WHAT I THINK IS A GOOD, IF AWKWARD, QUESTION.

"IF THE MOST POWERFUL BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE--AND THAT'S WHAT THEY WILL TELL YOU THEY ARE, HONESTLY, THEY WILL SAY THAT TO YOUR FACE.

"IF THESE OH-SO-ASTONISHING PEOPLE ARE ALL OUT THERE PROTECTING US FROM ALL THE BAD THINGS IN THE WORLD...

POLI

"...IT BEGS THE QUESTION--I MEAN, SERIOUSLY, IT ***DEMANDS*** THE QUESTION...

"IN THIS DAY AND AGE, WITH ALL OF THEIR EFFORT OVER ALL OF THESE YEARS...

"...DO YOU FEEL SAFE?

"AND IF THAT ANSWER IS NO, IF YOU DARE IN THE AGE OF 'SUPER-MAN' AND 'BAT-MAN' TO SAY THAT, HEY, WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON...

"...YEAH, I'M A LITTLE SCARED, I DON'T FEEL SAFE, I WORRY ABOUT MY FAMILY AND MY KIDS.

"IF YOU ADMIT THAT TRUTH...IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY THAT...

REEN TEAM LINER

"...THEN WHAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY SAYING, WHAT YOU HAVE REALIZED IN THE FACE OF ALL OF THESE COSTUMED PEOPLE'S PROPAGANDA...

"THE HEROES HAVE LIED TO US. THEY HAVE LIED.

"BECAUSE THEY HAVE FAILED. AND THEY'RE MORE SCARED THAN YOU ARE.

"IN FACT, THEY'RE SCARED OF ***YOU.***"

MONSTERS FORSAKE MONSTERS AS SURELY AS BROTHERS ARE LOYAL TO BROTHERS!

BUT WILL THESE RULES FROM WHICH WE BUILD OUR STORY STAY FAST AND TRUE?!

TO BE CONTINUED!

DAWN OF DC

6 issues
APRIL

SUPERBOY
THE MAN OF TOMORROW

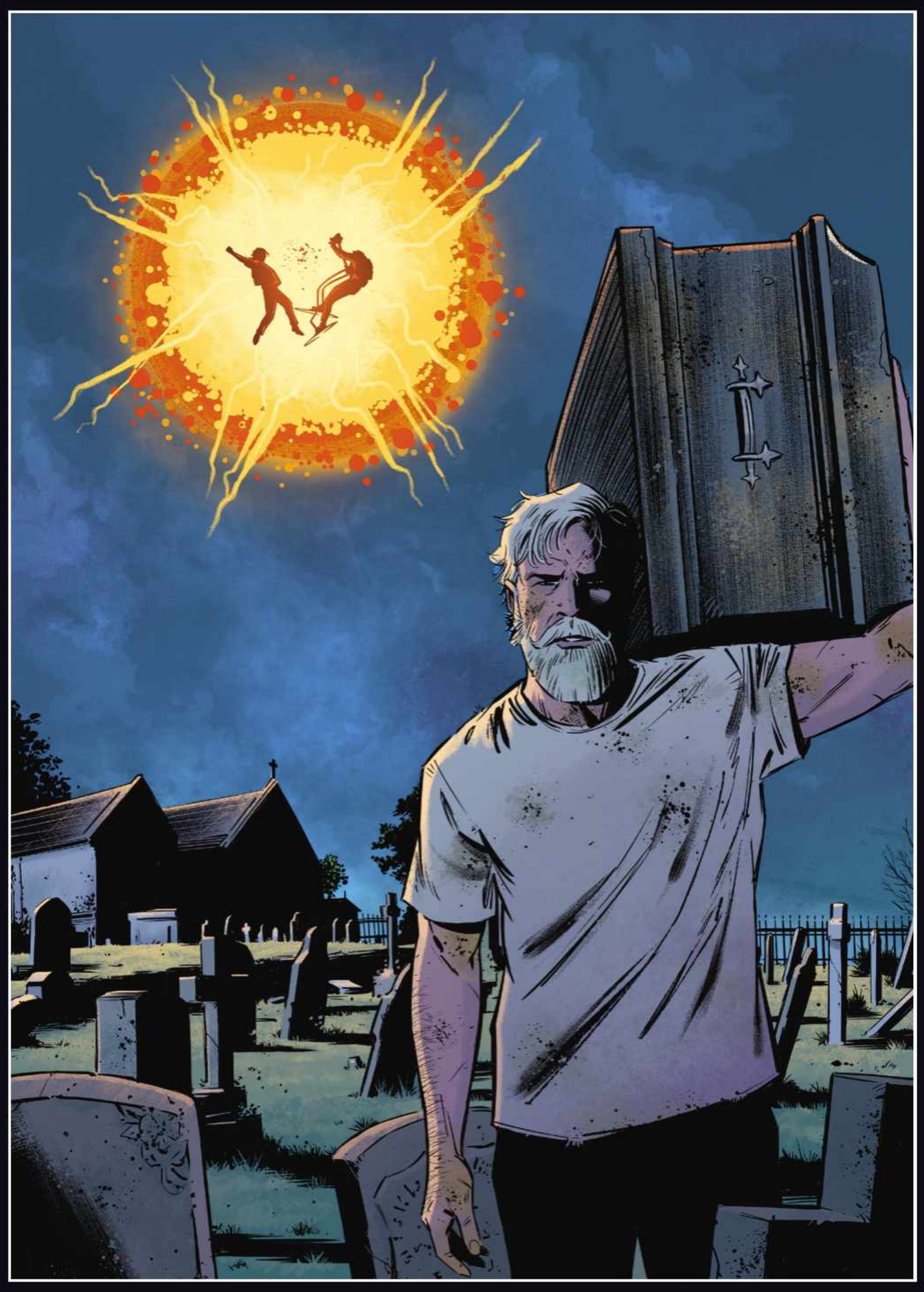
OUTGROWN YOUR SUPER-FAMILY? TIME TO GET A LITTLE SPACE.

© & ™ DC.

Written by
KENNY PORTER

Art by
JAHNOY LINDSAY

FORGING THE FUTURE ONE HERO AT A TIME



"I GUESS I JUST WANT TO BE A **SUPERHERO**."

BLACK LABEL